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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR SAFETY: FRENCH MINISTERIAL VISIT TO
U.S.

1. MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH (MIR) D'ORNANO PLANS TO PAY "QUIET" VISIT TO U.S. APRIL 7-14 TO GATHER INFORMATION ON NUCLEAR ISSUES. WITH HIM WILL BE HIGH-LEVEL MIR GROUP CONSISTING OF ADMINISTRATOR OF FRENCH AEC, ANDRE GIRAUD; GENERAL DELEGATE FOR ENERGY, P. MENTRE; CHIEF OF CENTRAL SERVICE FOR SECURITY OF NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS, JEAN SERVANT; AND D'ORNANO'S AIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, J.-L. PICARD. TOGETHER THEY REPRESENT MOST OF THE TOP NUCLEAR POLICYMAKERS IN FRANCE. ACCOMPANYING THEM WILL BE 4 FRENCH JOURNALISTS.

2. THE D'ORNANO PARTY WILL ZERO IN ON THE PUBLIC CONCERNS. FRANCE IS IN THE MIDST OF AN UNPRECEDENTED DEBATE ON THE WISDOM OF ITS HEAVY FUTURE RELIANCE ON NUCLEAR POWER. REGIONAL COUNCILS ARE VOTING ON GOVT'S SITING PLANS FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. PARLIAMENT WILL DEBATE THE NUCLEAR PROGRAM IN APRIL. MEDIA COVERAGE HAS BEEN HEAVY AND CONTINUOUS SINCE SEPTEMBER (SEPTEL

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WILL FOLLOW).

3. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT ARE BEING MADE THROUGH
FRENCH EMBASSY, WASHINGTON.

4. EMBASSY HOPES THAT EVERY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE WILL
BE PROVIDED TO D'ORNANO PARTY. FULL EXPOSURE TO BOTH
SIDES OF NUCLEAR DEBATE WILL BE APPRECIATED BY THESE
HARD-PRESSED NUCLEAR POLICYMAKERS. IN ADDITION, WE SUG-
GEST D'ORNANO BE EXPOSED TO U.S. POSITION ON SAFE-
GUARDS AND NUCLEAR EXPORTS.

5. PLEASE RESPECT THE FRENCH GOVT'S WISHES TO KEEP
VISIT QUIET FOR THE MOMENT.

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